

PLENTY OF PROMISE

Is Dealt Out to Labor by British Parties, but the Conservatives

BID THE LAST AND BEST.

Chamberlain Tells a Delegation What the Ministry Will Do.

RUDINI LOOKS FOR A SETTLEMENT.

He Assures Italy's Parliament That Uncle Sam Will Act White.

FRANCE'S TURN TO GET UP A SCANDAL

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A deputation of agricultural laborers has waited upon Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain in connection with the schemes proposed for bettering their condition.

Mr. Chamberlain assured the deputation that the Government was more at liberty and was more willing than was the opposition to adopt legislation looking to an amelioration of the condition of agricultural laborers throughout the country.

Mr. Chamberlain also said that the dwellings of the laborers would be improved, adding that the Government proposed, at the coming session of Parliament to authorize loans for that purpose.

A TYPICAL FRENCH SCANDAL

Revised by the Trial of a Man for Murdering His Wife's Lover.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The trial opened at Angoulême to-day of M. Lesdain for attempting to murder his wife and her lover in a railway carriage.

Madame de Bute, Directress of the Revue Internationale, of which Madame Lesdain was assistant editor, sent a medical certificate to the effect that she was in ill health and was sojourning in Spain.

When Delboeuf was dismissed from his position on the staff she resolved to abandon her husband in order to share the fortunes of her lover.

SNOW KEEPS THE PEACE IN ASIA.

British Troops Near Pamir Settle, but Military Movement Impossible.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 17.—The question of frontier operations on the part of the British troops against the Ghazni tribesmen in the vicinity of Hukta, near the Pamir frontier, has been settled for the time being by the weather.

It was feared that communication with the troops was cut off on account of the snow, but advices dated the 11th inst. were received from there to-day, showing that the fear was groundless.

A LIMIT TO THE CZAR'S AID.

Only 10,000,000 Roubles to Be Spent for the Relief of Famine Sufferers.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 17.—A conference has been held by the Government's delegates representing the Zemstvos (who are charged with the administration of local affairs in the various districts) and other authorities in the provinces affected by the famine.

After considerable discussion of the proposition the conference decided to sanction them, only giving its assent to a proposition that the peasants should be employed in the making of roads to connect the more remote districts of the empire.

METHODISTS TOO OUTSPOKEN.

One of Them Who Denounced Masses Is Prohibited From Preaching.

VIENNA, Dec. 17.—The Magistracy of the city, at the instance of the Public Prosecutor, have issued a decree commanding the closing of the Methodist Church here.

They have also prohibited Pastor Boesch from preaching anywhere in the city, on the ground that his "Methodistic denunciation of masses as blasphemous fables and dangerous conceits, is an insult against the Catholic religion, which is recognized by the State."

RUDINI LOOKS FOR A SETTLEMENT.

Italy's Premier Replies to an Interpellation on the New Orleans Affair.

ROME, Dec. 17.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day, Signor Guelfi asked how the Government proposes to settle the matter of the lynching of a number of Italian subjects in New Orleans in March last, and why the Italian Consul in that city had not been recalled.

WHITES ORGANIZING FOR DEFENSE.

The Situation on the Yang-tse-Kiang River Again Reported as Serious.

SIANGHAI, Dec. 17.—It is reported that several mission stations on the Yang-tse-Kiang are menaced. More men-of-war are imperatively necessary in order to protect the river.

The European residents, having formed themselves into a defense league, have armed and drilled themselves, and are now ready for action at any moment. The de-

meanor of the Chinese generally is menacing and arrogant.

Bishops Should Obey the Civil Power. LISBON, Dec. 17.—The National Council of Bishops gave a banquet to Cardinal Neto at Coimbra to-day.

Beyond the Big Pond.

Spain will trouble the import duties on most French goods.

The Brazilian legation in Paris denies recent revolutionary rumors. The commercial treaties have passed their second reading in the German Reichstag.

Latest British by-election took place in the middle division of Leamington. The Unionist candidate, Danbar P. Barton, had a walkover, the Home Rulers having no nominee.

In the Lower House of the Austrian Reichsrath to-day, Herr Herold, Independent Czechist, denied that the hatred of the young Czechs was directed against the State or monarchy, but was directed against the strongly German character of the Government.

DAMAGING EVIDENCE GIVEN.

DR. GRAVES THREATENED TO PROVE MRS. BARNABY INSANE.

He Knew He Was a Beneficiary in Her Will—That Anyone Should Suspect Him of Poisoning Her Surprised Him Greatly.

DENVER, Dec. 17.—In the Barnaby-Graves trial to-day several important witnesses were examined. Mrs. Bennett testified that Mrs. Barnaby had told her that she had left Dr. Graves \$50,000 in her first will.

Witness also recollects that Mrs. Barnaby had received a letter in which Dr. Graves threatened to appoint a guardian for her. This fretted her and she cried for several days, and later on she complained to Dr. Graves. She also complained of her maid, Miss Haaley, but after Dr. Graves came the maid was most attentive.

Still Investigating the Wolf Chase.

President Eaton, of the Humane Society, returned early yesterday morning from Greensburg. He was there to investigate the Hacke wolf chase. Mr. Eaton stated that he had not decided whether information would be entered. The sport, he said, was viewed with disfavor by the people of the vicinity and was discontinued by those interested in humane work.

Mr. Eaton said that although the killing of wolves may be a necessary evil, the extermination should be in a manner not brutal nor repulsive.

The Oldest Tragedian.

Edmon Sheppard Conner, who died at his home in Bedford, N. J., Wednesday morning, aged 82 years, was the first guest entertained at the Monongahela House in Pittsburgh. He is said to have been the oldest tragedian in America.

A large photograph of the actor labeled "the first guest of this house" is still hung in the Monongahela House office. It was placed there 45 years ago. It has been well preserved and yesterday it was draped in mourning.

Accused of Stealing Flour.

Charles Bergstesser, Charles Stoppel and Christopher Allport were arrested yesterday afternoon in Allegheny, charged with larceny. They are about 12 years old, and it is said that they stole several sacks of flour from a train on the Port Wayne Railroad intended for H. A. Turner, of 91 Federal street, Allegheny.

TALES OF TWO CITIES.

The crop raised at the City Poor Farm during the past year amounted to \$7,013. This holiday number of the South Pittsburgher is quite an attractive one, and a credit to that section of the city.

JOHN CHRISTOFFEL, a well-known laker of Sharpshurg, has been missing for two weeks. His home is in the city, and he is supposed to have left on a boat for the lake.

A large increase in the daily labors of employees of the various express companies begins to be felt now that the holidays are near. The Adams company employs 125 men, and none of them are idle.

THE FIRE RECORD.

At Aurora, Ill., the factory of the New Mountain works. Loss, \$30,000. At Chicago, the lake freight steamer Horace B. Tuttle was damaged—\$20,000. At La Crosse, Wis., M. Morris & Co.'s clothing store. Loss, \$40,000; insurance, \$16,000.

At Tarr's station, Westmoreland county, the Southwest coal and Coke Company's stables. Origin unknown; fully insured. The roof of a house on Windsor street, Allegheny, caught fire about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. An alarm was sent in from box 57. The loss was slight.

At New Cumberland, W. Va., part of the business section, including Rosenstam & Levy's clothing store, Mrs. Cornell's two buildings, with the Y. M. C. A. rooms. Loss about \$100,000; insurance, \$60,000. An alarm from box 45 about 10:30 o'clock last night was caused by a fire in the third story of a house occupied by B. Levy at Logan and Colwell streets. The fire caught from a lighted match dropped among a lot of clothing in a closet by one of the children. The closet and part of the third floor were partly burned. The house was damaged to the extent of \$50 by fire and water.

THE LOTTERY STAIN

In Louisiana Splits the Democratic Party Wide Open.

ITS STILL A STUMBLING BLOCK.

The Regulars Unable to Get the Antis to Come Over to Them.

FARMERS COMBINE WITH THE ANTIS

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—All hopes of healing the breach in the Democratic party have been abandoned. The regular Democratic convention made overtures looking to reconciliation, and sent a delegation, headed by ex-United States Senator Jones, to the anti-lottery convention to invite the bellers to join them.

It is now admitted that the two factions of the Democratic party will not come together again until an election decides the lottery question, and they may not come together even then.

The regular Democratic Convention proceeded slowly and deliberately, going through all the formalities and examining the credentials. It is constituted mainly of pro-lottery men, but about 33 men of the anti-lottery persuasion are in it, being unwilling to split the party on the issue, and a very extreme opponent of the lottery, ex-Senator Wells, was chosen as President of the regular convention.

All Parties Split Into Factions. It was the intention of the anti-lottery people to have a short session, to show their harmony, but trouble broke out between the two elements composing the party—the Farmers' Alliance and anti-lottery Democrats.

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By this agreement Adams was entitled to the nomination to-day, from the anti-convention, but he was strongly objected to on the ground that he was a wild man and would hurt the movement in New Orleans.

On this question the anti-lottery convention was nearly shipwrecked to-day. The farmers insisted on the nomination of Adams, and the anti-lottery Democrats opposed it.

Caucuses were held all day long, and the farmers became so disgusted that some of them threatened to go over to the other convention. The difficulty was finally settled by Adams himself. When the convention met he was nominated for Governor by acclamation, but declined the nomination.

A Combination Ticket Proposed. This cleared away all difficulties, and Hon. M. J. Foster, the leader of the anti-lottery movement, was nominated for Governor, the farmers finally abandoning their claims to the governorship.

The nomination will probably strengthen the anti-lottery movement. Foster was President of the State Senate. He is 42 years of age, a lawyer, a shrewd politician and an eloquent speaker. He led the fight in the Legislature against the lottery, and although defeated, his character was declared by him since he had never become acquainted with her. Adjourning.

No Hopes of Carrying the State. The anti-lottery Democrats do not, however, seem to entertain much hope of carrying the State, and they place their ticket in the field believing that it will strengthen the fight against the lottery amendment.

The campaign will largely depend upon the attitude assumed by the Republicans. There is a division in the Republican party on the lottery question, the rank and file favoring the lottery, but the Federal officeholders opposing it. It is understood that the administration will urge the Republicans to do all in their power to assist in bringing about the defeat of the lottery amendment.

It is charged by the pros that the regular understanding has been reached between the antis and the Republicans, by which the latter are to throw all their influence and votes to the anti-ticket in the State election.

COLLIDED WITH JUSTICE

JOE BAKER, the ex-politician, who used up J. A. Nichols Wednesday night, was sent for 30 days to the workhouse.

JAMES BREXEN, on suspicion of having robbed Margaret O'Brien, of Glenwood, of \$27, was sent 30 days to the workhouse.

WILLIAM FIELDS, colored, was sent to jail to await a hearing before Alderman Kerr charged by Jacob V. Baumski with hitting him on the head with a blunt instrument at a Black Diamond street works, disabling him.

JOHN W. PATTON, charged with embezzlement, by J. J. Freund, the Southside dry-goods merchant, will have a hearing before Magistrate Succop to-day. He is charged with collecting \$100 and appropriating it to his own use.

ISOPHROX was made by George Falon, yesterday before Squire Braun, of Allegheny, against the members of the North-side Hunting and Fishing Club, charging them with selling liquor without license in their clubhouse.

HOWARD ROXBOROUGH, of Lawrenceville, is under \$500 bail for a hearing before Alderman Leslie. He is charged by Mary Foglio, 17 years old, of Forty-fourth street, with having struck her on the face for refusing to dance with him.

A case named Gerarde was held for court by Alderman Foley yesterday afternoon on a charge of assault and battery, preferred by Frank Good, of Woods Run. The defendant is a brother of Frank Gerarde, convicted of murder in the first degree some time ago.

MINNIE JONES made an information yesterday before Alderman Hartman, charging Jennie Kimmel with assault and battery. The suit is the result of a fight between the two women, arising from a dispute over the ownership of some goods purchased while out shopping.

MICHAEL SHERMAN, of Franklin street, made information before Alderman Richards yesterday, charging John Thomas with stealing a suit of clothes from his room Tuesday evening. He was arrested and committed to jail in default of \$500 bail for a hearing Monday.

EN WELSH had a hearing before Alderman Warner yesterday on a charge of larceny. Welsh walked past the shoe store of A. Parleton, No. 236 Penn avenue, picked up three pairs of slippers and started to run. A clerk caught him and pressed him. In default of \$500 bail, he was remanded to jail to await a trial by court.

GOLD pens, with silver, pearl and gold pen holders, including a Pittsburg souvenir in sterling silver—the finest assortment in the city.—JOSEPH EICHBAUM & Co., 48 Fifth avenue.

Nice Diamond Rings. White and perfect, from \$7 50 up, at Kingsbacher Bros., special diamond sale, 516 Wood street.

THURSDAY'S UNFORTUNATES

Seven Persons Injured In the Total Reported Yesterday, Several Serious.

The list of accidents reported yesterday reached seven, four of which are charged to railroads. Fractured skulls lead the list which follows:

WILSON—George Niebel, an employe of Davis & Bro., while driving across the Allegheny Valley at Thirty-fifth street, yesterday morning, was struck by the North-bound express, his skull was fractured and his shoulder dislocated. He was removed to his home on Penn avenue.

STRAVENS—Dr. R. H. Stevens, of Copeland street, East End, while walking down Wylie avenue last evening, slipped on the pavement and fell, striking his head and cutting a severe gash. He was sent to the Homeopathic Hospital, but soon recovered sufficiently to enable him to go home.

SHANNON—Daniel Shannon, of New York, was found on the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad near Lawrenceville yesterday in an unconscious condition. He was suffering from injuries about the head and body received by being struck by a train. He was removed to the West Penn Hospital.

ROVASKI—John Rovaski received a fracture of the skull and other injuries yesterday morning. He attempted to cross a train standing in the Allegheny Valley yards when the train parted throwing him to the ground. He was removed to his home on Fifteenth street.

KENNEDY—S. Kennedy fell from a carriage yesterday afternoon while turning a sharp curve on the road to Bellevue Cemetery. His leg was broken. He was removed to the West Penn Hospital.

WELSH—Patrick Welsh, a laborer employed at the Keystone Mill at South Side, his right foot crushed yesterday afternoon by a large timber falling on it. He was removed to the West Penn Hospital.

UNKNOWNS—An unknown Italian was struck by the Emlenton express at Forty-first street yesterday afternoon. He was taken to the West Penn Hospital. He was reported as dying late last night.

PURCHASING A PIANO. A difficult task, when there are so many makes on the market, some good, some bad. But, do you know the one from the other? When you want a piano, it is best to go to an old and reliable firm, of worth and standing. We are such a firm; have been in the business for over 60 years, and know something about a piano. A Hardman, Krakauer or Vose piano would suit you exactly. And the price will be right, too. Come and see.

"Palace of Music," 77 Fifth avenue. Open every evening.

Beautiful Bow-Knot Jewelry. The most charming of designs—entirely new. Over 100 styles in brooches, lace pins, pendants, stick pins, lockets, hair pins, hat pins, etc. Many are set with pearls, turquoise, diamonds and rubies. Exquisite enameled patterns. They will please you. Open evenings.

E. P. ROBERTS & SONS, 516 Wood street.

Gentlemen's Gold. Filled watches, open faced, warranted for 20 years, with Elgin or Waltham movement, only \$11 at the great special sale.

KINGSBACHER BROS., 516 Wood street.

Only Fifty Left—Get One. Of those special Alaska seal muffs at \$10 each.

JOS. HORNE & Co., 607-621 Penn avenue.

Listening. What is listening? It is a beautiful panel case that will be given away to all purchasers of 50 cents worth of tea, baking powder, spices or coffee at our store, 307 Market street, on Saturday, December 19. "Listening" will please you, and our teas, coffee and baking powders are first-class; only the best goods handled for the Government given to those holding our tea ticket is large and fine.

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SILVERWARE of every imaginable design, such as tea sets in three, four and five pieces, silver wafers, cake, berry and fruit baskets, butter dishes, soup tureens, baking dishes, etc., reduced 25 per cent during special sale at Kingsbacher Bros., 516 Wood street.

Bargains in Ladies' Gloves. A special 4-button French kid glove, black and all colors, at \$1. An 8-button length suede mousquetaire, in fawn and brown, at \$1. These and many others are bargains not to be equalled anywhere.

JOS. HORNE & Co's, Penn Avenue Stores.

Kennedy's Cafe and Ice Cream Parlors. Convenient for holiday shoppers. SIXTH STREET AND DUQUESNE WAY.

Onyx and Marble Clocks. Onyx candleabra and bronzes of every description reduced 25 per cent during special watch and diamond sale at Kingsbacher Bros., 516 Wood street.

THE eleventh lecture in the course of free lectures given at the chapel of the Western University will be delivered this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Dr. C. B. Dudley, Chemist of the P. R. R. shops at Altoona, upon the "Materials of I. R. Construction." Railroad men and engineers are specially invited to be present.

Crayons Free Until January 1, 1893. A life-size crayon free with a dozen cabinets at Aufrechi's Studio, 77 Fifth avenue. Come early.

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Gems. Loose and in settings. Diamonds, Emeralds, Pearls, Rubies, Opals, Sapphires, Turquoise, Topaz. Settings made to order.

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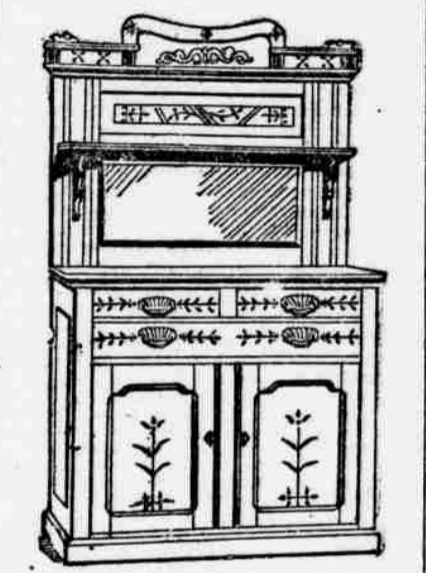
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\$8.50 An extra line. These Racks are solid oak, very handsomely carved, XVI century finish; 10x18-inch land-shape mirror; large umbrella rack; height 6 feet 8 inches; 6 in stock. Regular price, \$12.

\$16 For a \$23 Rack, only 2 in stock; beveled mirror, 16x20 inches; solid oak; height 6 feet, width 2 feet 6 inches.

\$14 For choice of two patterns XVI Century finish, 12x30 inch mirror; regular price, \$21. Six in stock.

\$21 Two Sideboards in stock, XVI Century finish, large bevel mirror, fine carving; regular price, \$28.

\$30 For large Sideboard, solid oak, finely carved, cabinet top, 16x29 inch bevel mirror; 1 in stock; regular price, \$40.

HERE'S FOUR BARGAINS.

\$35, 17x42 inch Mirror, worth \$49. \$42, 18x36 inch Mirror, worth \$54. \$55, 20x36 inch Mirror, worth \$70. \$56, 17x42 inch Mirror, worth \$72.

These four Sideboards are all solid oak, very elegantly carved, large bevel mirrors, and cannot be bought at regular sale for less than our former prices.

The above 6 pieces give you an inkling of what's in store for the FRIDAY BARGAIN-SEEKER. There are about 40 patterns in all, from the small Hanging Rack at \$2 to the large massive Racks at \$100. Come and see them even if you don't want to buy.

Side by side, covering one whole wall in our art room, you'll find many PRETTY PICTURES.

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